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SUBJECT: U.S. DRAFT RESOLUTION ON "CONDEMNING THE USE OF RAPE AS AN INSTRUMENT OF STATE POLICY": FRENCH SUPPORT, BUT WILL JOIN EU CONSENSUS

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¶1. (SBU) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Raphael Trapp, MFA desk officer covering the Rights of Women and Children on October 16. Trapp said the French support the resolution in principle, but national preferences aside, they are obligated to join the EU consensus.

¶2. (SBU) Without detailing the debate on this subject within the EU, Trapp urged the U.S. to press the Portuguese, as coordinator of the EU position.

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